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the dentists decide. We are not forcing anything on them. They, in their own ranks, are split on this question so we are going to let them decide on a one to one basis. I would appreciate your support of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. Chairman, I have a question I guess perhaps of Senator Marsh or maybe Senator Fenger, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee. Senator Fenger, would he yield?

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Fenger.

SENATOR FENGER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Fenger, the amendments which we are addressing now co-authored by Senators Fowler, Wiitala, Marsh and Kilgarin, are these amendments the same essentially as the bill which was heard by the Public Health and Welfare Committee last session, that bill being indefinitely postponed at that time? Are these amendments essentially the same as the bill that was killed last year?

SENATOR FENGER: As I viewed them when they were published last session, they are, yes.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I rise to support this amendment for many of the same reasons that has already been pointed out by both Senator Marsh and Senator Kilgarin. But I think the key, the key to this issue and I don't often rise on these Public Health issues because quite frankly I think it is rather ridiculous when professions who are in the business of providing health care to Nebraskans get in these little dog fights over turf and that is what it is. As long as the service is provided to the people and as long as these people are trained and we have mechanisms to make certain that they are trained, then I think that we should allow it to happen. But the main reason that I support this is that the key lying language is in the amendment that says